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SUBJECT: SOVIET AMBASSADOR CHERVONENKO'S REMARKS AT
PRESS LUNCHEON

1. SUMMARY. APPEARING AS GUEST SPEAKER AT DIPLOMATIC
PRESS ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON OCTOBER 25, SOVIET AMBASSADOR
TO FRANCE CHERVONENKO INDICATED THAT MOSCOW HAS HIGH
EXPECTATIONS FOR BREZHNEV-GISCARD SUMMIT; IS NOT
DIRECTLY CONCERNED WITH ENERGY CRISIS; AND WILL NEVER
AGREE TO A YEARLY EMIGRATION FIGURE AS REPORTED IN PRESS.
HE DENIED THE EXISTENCE OF AN US-USSR CONDOMINIUM; SAID
SOVIETS WANT TO CONCLUDE PEACE TREATY WITH JAPAN BUT
BELIEVED IT UNWISE TO CONNECT THIS WITH TERRITORIAL
QUESTION; AND INDICATED SOVIETS HAVE PROPOSED A NON-
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AGGRESSION TREATY (INCLUDING NUCLEAR WEAPONS) WITH

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CHINA BUT HAVE NOT HAD FAVORABLE RESPONSE. END
SUMMARY.

2. BREZHNEV-GISCARD SUMMIT DECEMBER 5-7. CHERVONENKO MADE CLEAR THAT SOVIETS HAVE HIGH EXPECTATIONS FOR MEETING AND AWAIT IT WITH OPTIMISM, CERTAIN THAT IT WILL FURTHER STABILIZE FRENCH-USSR RELATIONS. SOVIETS ARE SATISFIED WITH FRENCH-USSR BILATERAL RELATIONS AND WANT TO ENLARGE AREAS OF COOPERATION. MEETING WILL NOT BE MERELY A SIMPLE REAFFIRMATION OF FRENCH-SOVIET COOPERATION. BREZHNEV KNOWS GISCARD WELL FROM HIS YEARS AS FRENCH FINANCE MINISTER.

3. USSR AND ENERGY CRISIS. CHERVONENKO INDICATED THAT MOSCOW IS FOLLOWING ATTENTIVELY THE COURSE OF THE ENERGY CRISIS AND THE DISLOCATION OF THE MONETARY SYSTEM. USSR IS NOT DIRECTLY CONCERNED BY PROBLEM. HE PLEDGED THAT THE SOVIETS WOULD NOT DIMINISH THEIR SALES OF OIL AND GAS, BUT WOULD MEET THEIR CONTRACTS. SOVIETS WANT TO EXAMINE ENERGY PROBLEMS WITH WESTERN EUROPE, WITH WHICH MOSCOW HAS GOOD RELATIONS. USSR DOES NOT EXCLUDE PROJECTS AND AGREEMENTS IN THE YEARS AHEAD DEALING WITH FORMS OF PRODUCTION OF ATOMIC ENERGY.

4. US-USSR RELATIONS. (CHERVONENKO READ FIRST PART OF THIS ANSWER.) USSR IS NOW HOPEFUL OF STABILIZING ITS COMMERCE WITH UNITED STATES. REFERENCES IN PRESS TO AN ALLEGED SOVIET PROMISE TO ALLOW YEARLY EMIGRATION OF 60,000 SOVIET JEWISH CITIZENS IS NOT CORRECT AND WILL NEVER BE CORRECT. EMIGRATION OF SOVIET CITIZENS HAS ALWAYS BEEN POSSIBLE AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE POSSIBLE. EACH REQUEST FOR EMIGRATION RECEIVES FULL ATTENTION OF SOVIET AUTHORITIES. MANY REQUESTS ARE ACTED ON FAVORABLY IF THEY MEET SOVIET REGULATIONS.

5. CHERVONENKO DENIED THAT A US-USSR CONDOMINIUM HAD COME INTO EXISTENCE AFTER THE JUNE 1973 AGREEMENT ON PREVENTING NUCLEAR WAR, RECALLING THAT BREZHNEV HAD CLARIFIED THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT TO FRENCH JOURNALISTS AT THE PITSUNDA SUMMIT. ASKED IF THERE CAN BE
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DETENTE AND WORLD PEACE WITHOUT NORMALIZATION OF US-USSR RELATIONS, CHERVONENKO REPLIED THAT MOSCOW DOES NOT UNDERESTIMATE THE IMPORTANCE OF BILATERAL US-USSR RELATIONS FOR SECURITY AND PEACE. IT IS, HOWEVER, ABSURD TO SAY THAT THE USSR WANTS TO RESOLVE A CERTAIN NUMBER OF PROBLEMS WITH THE US OVER THE HEADS OF OTHER PEOPLES. HE ADDED THAT NORMALIZATION OF US-USSR RELATIONS IS CONNECTED WITH OTHER RELATIONSHIPS SUCH AS THAT BETWEEN USSR

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AND FRANCE.

6. SOVIET-JAPANESE PEACE TREATY. CHERVONENKO SAID THIS IS AN OLD QUESTION. HE PROFESSED NOT TO BE FAMILIAR WITH DETAILS AND SUBSTANCE OF THE RECENT VISIT OF JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER TO MOSCOW. SOVIETS HAVE LONG WANTED TO CONCLUDE A PEACE TREATY WITH JAPAN, AND MOSCOW'S ATTITUDE IS POSITIVE. BUT JAPAN HAS ADVANCED A TERRITORIAL QUESTION. THE SOVIETS JUDGE THAT IT IS NOT WISE TO CONNECT THE QUESTION OF A PEACE TREATY WITH

A TERRITORIAL QUESTION, AND TOLD THIS FRANKLY TO THE JAPANESE. CHERVONENKO NOTED THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE IMPORTANT AGREEMENTS WITH JAPAN IN ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL FIELDS.

7. CHINA. CHERVONENKO ADMITTED THAT SOVIETS HAVE PROPOSED A NON-AGGRESSION TREATY, INCLUDING NUCLEAR WEAPONS, WITH THE CHINESE. HE RECALLED THAT SINCE FEB-RUARY 1950 A TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP HAS EXISTED BETWEEN CHINA AND THE USSR. IN RECENT YEARS RELATIONS HAVE BEEN AGGRAVATED DUE TO THE PEKING LEADERSHIP. SOVIETS FOR THEIR PART ARE TRYING TO IMPROVE RELATIONS. MOSCOW HAS NOT HAD A FAVORABLE RESPONSE FROM THE CHINESE ON THE PROPOSED NON-AGGRESSION TREATY, AND IS WAITING FOR PEKING TO INDICATE ITS POINT OF VIEW. THE FACT THAT SOVIET NEGOTIATOR ILIACHEV HAS RETURNED TO MOSCOW FROM PEKING IS NOT SIGNIFICANT. HE HAS ABSENTED HIMSELF FROM PEKING SEVERAL TIMES BEFTRE, AND CAN RETURN QUICKLY IF THE SITUATION WARRANTS.

8. SOVIET RELATIONS WITH EC-NINE. CHERVONENKO SAID THAT THE SOVIETS ACKNOWLEDGE THE EXISTENCE OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

EC COMMUNITY. MOSCOW FAVORS COLLABORATION AND HAS TAKEN CERTAIN INITIATIVES VIS-A-VIS THE NINE. COMECON AUTHORITIES HAVE PROPOSED AN EXCHANGE OF STATISTICAL INFORMATION.

9. PCF CONGRESS. ASKED WHETHER HE INTENDED TO VISIT THE PCF EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS TAKING PLACE NEAR PARIS OCTOBER 24-27, CHERVONENKO SAID THAT ORDINARILY ONE MAKES A VISIT WHEN ONE IS INVITED, AND NOTED THAT NO FOREIGN DELEGATIONS WERE INVITED TO ATTEND.
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